to state whether the Government propose to appoint Commissioners to the Municipalities of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Trichur?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Not at present.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know whether the Government proposed to appoint any one in any Municipality?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Government do not want to make any statement on that matter now.

Caste-war statement of the office staff of the Superintendent of Agriculture and the Conservator of Forests.

59. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of the office staff of.—

(1) the Superintendent of Agriculture;

(2) the Conservator of Forests?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Caste-war statement of the office staff of

(1) The Superintendent of Agriculture.—

Nayars	8
Brahmin	1
Ambalavasi (Warriar)	1
Christians	2

(2) The Conservator of Forests.—

Hindu (Brahmin)	10
do (Namboodiri Brahmin)	1
do (Kshatriya)	1
do (Nayar)	19
do (Ambalavasi)	1
do (Ezhuva)	1
do (Ezhuthassan)	1
Muslim	1
Christian	1

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Were not applications received from Ezhuva candidates during the last 2 years ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—With reference to the portion pertaining to my office staff, I would say that appointments were made before I took charge of the office.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—May I know Sir, with regard to the other department as well?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—It is the same with regard to my department also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— May I know Sir, whether in the Agricultural Department appointments were not made in the year 1110?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—There might have been some appointments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the approximate number?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—I cannot give the exact number now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it not published in the gazette?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the appointments that were made last year, may I know whether there were not applications from un-represented communities in the State?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—There were some petitions and their cases were also considered at the time of appointment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With the result that they were not appointed.

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Some were appointed too.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know which unrepresented community member was appointed last year?

Mr. President.—The castewar statement of appointments is published in the Gazette at the end of every quarter. You might have come armed yourself with the Gazette and make himself responsible for the information which has been published in the Gazette. But it is very unfair now to ask for information concerning the appointments made in 1110. The Hon'ble member is seeking information which he ought to have found out for himself from the Gazette.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know who is responsible for this ignoring of the claims of the minority community as shown by the figures. The present Departmental Heads say that they are not responsible. May I know who is responsible for this? Are the Government responsible for it?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The assumption of the Hon'ble member firstly that there were claims and secondly the assumption that their claims were ignored are both wrong. This represents the office staff which were existing when the present Heads of Departments occupied their places.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Sir, these questions are asked not to make any complaint against any particular Head of Department. We want to bring to the notice of the Government that certain things are not done properly. One Departmental Head says that he is not responsible for it.

Mr. President.—The best course I would suggest to the Hon'ble member is to come armed with the caste-war statement. Then there will be no difficulty and you will be on stronger grounds.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Government intend to enforce fixed rules of communal rotation in the matter of appointments?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government have made their policy clear on the floor of this House several times before.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I am just now asking for information.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I can recollect four times when the Government made their position clear in this Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government make it clear now?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Hon'ble member is quite aware of it as much as the Government is.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I do not recollect now.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is not the fault of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—We cannot aspire to be infinite in these matters. When we ask for some particular information, it is left to your courtesy to give it. If this is the information given, I have no objection to it. The Hon'ble member says that the information was given four times. Is it during this meeting?

Mr. President.—If it is the contention of the Hon'ble member that a question once answered should again be answered in a

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new session, it is untenable. If this answered in the first Council, it will hold good, because the Council continue as one.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—No definite assurance was given on the subject before and the Secretary's wrong.

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മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എസ്സ്. നാരായണസ്വാമി.—അങ്ങിനെയും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

Appointment of Head clerks of Registry Offices as Registrars.

60. Mr. P. Govinda Menon—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) how many Head clerks are there in the Registration Department who have put in more than ten years' service as Head clerks?

(2) are the Head clerks of Registry Offices placed in charge of the duties of a Registrar during periods when the Registrar is on leave;

(3) are Government satisfied that these Head clerks can satisfactorily discharge the duties of a Registrar.

(4) were the Head clerks of Registry Offices being promoted as Registrars previously; what is the reason for the discontinuance of that practice;

(5) under the present policy of the Government in this matter, has any one of the persons referred to in clause (1) any chance of any promotion in their life;

(6) are the Government aware that in British India 25 per cent of the posts of Registrars are reserved to be filled up by the Head clerks of the Registry Offices;

(7) will the Government be pleased to reserve a fixed percentage of posts of Registrars to be filled up by Head clerks of Registry Offices promoted in the order of seniority?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— (1) 22.

(2) Yes, when the vacancy is short.

(3) Yes, for such short periods.

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